GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ISI ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Inter Services Intelligence (ISI) has established its network in the Northern and Southern States of the country and is planning subversive activities by employing nuclear, biological and chemical weapons in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the States in India where ISI inspired terrorists have become active and the names of the cities where they had struck till September, 2008; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to curb the activities of ISI in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): Linkages between the ISI and various terror groups based in Pakistan, and operating in India, are well-known and well documented through revelations by terrorists apprehended from time to time. Inputs indicate that Pakistan based groups continue to have designs to create trouble in India by targeting vulnerable installations, facilities, etc., in various parts of the country, including Southern India.

(c): Inquiries and investigations into various acts of terrorism in the recent past have indicated linkages of elements involved in the terrorist incidents in the States of UP, Karnataka, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Delhi with ISI. No inputs have been received regarding specific threats entailing the use of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons in the country by terrorists. However, Government is aware of and vigilant towards possible such threats of this nature in the future.

(d): The Government has been pursuing a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach to tackle the activities of the ISI which, inter-alia, include, strengthening vigilance on the borders to check infiltration and illegal cross border activities, gearing up the intelligence machinery to interdict Pakistani agents, close interaction and coordination between different agencies of the Centre and the State Governments for neutralizing plans of militants and ISI/anti-national elements, modernization and strengthening and upgradation of State police and security forces.